REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by Lewellyn 5,516,435. Applicants have herein cancelled Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-15, thus rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection and that a notice of allowance be sent for New Claim 16.

Claims 4, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Lewellyn 5,516,435. Applicants have herein cancelled Claims 4, 6 and 7, thus rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection and that a notice of allowance be sent for New Claim 16.

Applicants have herein submitted New Claim 16 for examination. New Claim 16 is supported by the specification, examples and claims as originally filed. Applicants courteously request that this new claim be entered, examined and allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the based upon the above amendments and remarks that Claim 16 is in condition for Allowance and courteously request that a Notice of Allowance be sent for this claim.

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